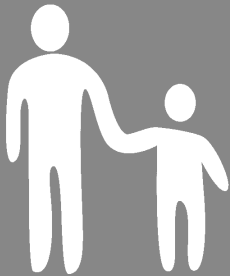




Father Involvement

Fact Sheet



National Data
On Absent
Fathers²:

24
MILLION
Children

OR

1 IN 3



CHILDREN

Live without their
biological father in
the home

While acknowledging the incredible efforts of single mothers to ensure positive outcomes for their children and recognizing that not all fathers are capable or willing to sustain positive relationships with their children, data shows tremendous benefits from father involvement.

Benefits of Father Involvement¹:

More Successful in School

39% More likely to earn mostly A's in school

45% Less likely to repeat a grade

60% Less likely to be suspended or expelled from school



More Prepared for After School

2X As likely to go to college

 As likely to find stable employment after high school



80% Less Likely to spend Time in **Jail**

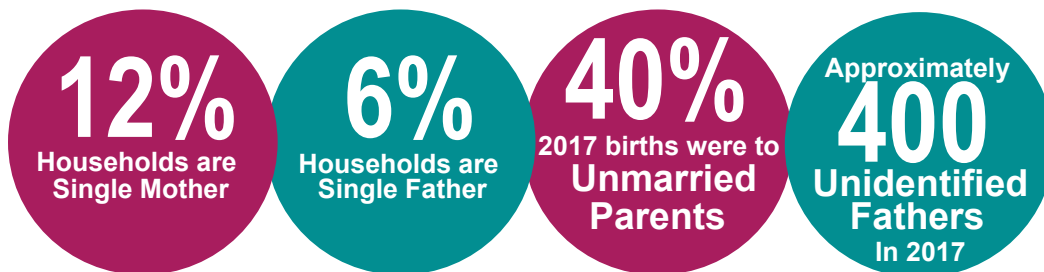


75% Less Likely to Have a **Teen Birth**

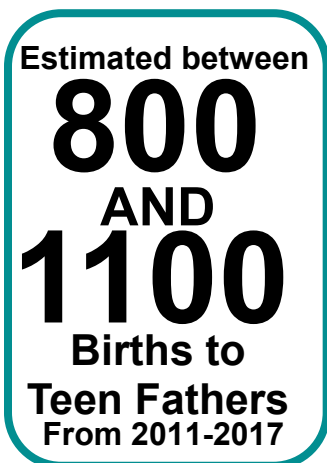


Benton & Franklin Counties Data

Single Parent Households^{3,4}



Teen Fathers^{4,5}



3 Main Barriers for Teen Dads:

Ability to find Employment as a Teen



Family and Community Support



Legal Help for Family Court



Incarcerated Fathers⁶



*Approximate number of self-reported fathers already sentenced in Benton & Franklin Counties and serving time for state felonies as of 01/31/2018

Community Mobilization

In July 2018, BFHD received a grant from Washington State Department of Health to focus on supporting young families through efforts to increase involvement of fathers and positive male role models in Benton and Franklin counties. Throughout this two-year project, BFHD will partner with the National Fatherhood Initiative to implement a three phase Community Mobilization Approach:

Phase 1: Complete a needs and assets assessment of the community's ability to promote responsible fatherhood

Phase 2: Host a Fatherhood Summit

Phase 3: Implement an action plan for a fatherhood initiative in Benton and Franklin counties

Outcomes of this project will include:

1. Formation of a Benton-Franklin Fatherhood Advisory Council
2. Direct-service providers in different sectors with robust plans, services and programs for fathers

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